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Council cause upset over Olympic gypsy site plans

PLANS for a temporary gypsy site near Dorchester during the Olympics have upset local people.

Dorset County Council (DCC) wants to use an existing pony paddock near the entrance to the Enterprise Business Park at Piddlehinton for nine weeks in the lead up to and during the Olympics.

"Surely they could have found a site which was actually near the Olympics. Weymouth and Portland are surrounded by open fields yet they want to put this right next to our businesses and almost an hour's drive away from the nearest Olympic sailing venue," said the owner of a small firm on the site.

He declined to be named "out of fear of

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perceptions", but said he would be adding his name to the objectors on the county council website and encouraging other businesses at Enterprise Park to do so.

The parish council has yet to discuss the application and would not be drawn into commenting until councillors had examined the plans.

West Dorset District Councillors are not expected to look at the county council application until their next meeting on March 8th.

The former military site, now an industrial estate, has long been the home for one of the area's per-

manent gypsy sites. A site which is widely acknowledged to be well managed and successful.

Dorset Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer David Ayres has submitted the application on behalf of the county council.

He has experience in temporary gypsy and traveller sites, including those set up specifically for the annual Dorset Steam Fair.

The proposals in the application are to establish a temporary transit site for gypsies and travellers to be open for nine weeks from the time that the

Olympics start on

July 27th and close on August 12th with the Paralympics from August 29th August until September 9th.

The temporary planning permission for the site is to apply from July 8th to September 14th to allow for setting up and any restoration works.

Mr Ayres says that having an official transit site will allow Dorset Police to use their powers to redirect unauthorised campers should they camp in park and ride car parks or any land in and around the sailing venue or the strategic links to it.

Powers under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act allow the police to direct travellers to a "suitable pitch on a relevant site" and which is managed by a local authority.

DCC, working with Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and the police, will use their powers to direct travellers to the temporary site.

The tactic is the same one used in the Blandford area around the time of the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

Mr Ayres says the site will have portable toilets, a rubbish skip and tanked drinking water on it and managed by himself and the local Gypsy Site Manager whilst the site is occupied.

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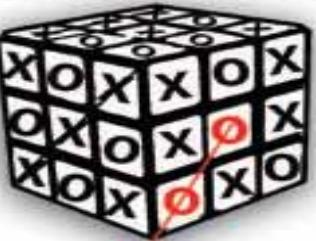
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CORNISH Pilot Gig Rowing has seen a massive revival over recent years and is no longer confined to the fishing villages and towns of Cornwall.

Kate Goodwin came to the sport some seven-years-ago when she moved to Dorset. Weymouth Rowing Club was one of the first gig clubs to spring up on the Jurassic Coast and as secretary of the club she is still as enthusiastic about the benefits and delights of gig rowing as she ever was.

This year is set to be an exciting year for the club with the World Championships to look forward to, and a place secured in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames this summer.

As the Olympics grow ever closer, there has never been a better time to put the spotlight on Weymouth Rowing Club.

■ WHAT got you interested in gig rowing in the first place?

It was all down to a friend of mine who was a member of the club when I moved to Dorset from Cumbria some years ago. I'd seen gig racing in the Isles of Scilly and when I went along to Weymouth Rowing Club for a 'come and try it' session I was instantly smitten. Not only because the boats themselves were so beautifully made and I enjoyed my first row, but also because I remember seeing how all the rowers were having such brilliant fun together.

■ HOW has Weymouth Rowing Club developed during the time you have been a member?

The club was founded in 2000, and I joined in 2004. It's grown a lot. We currently have around 150 members. Fundraising has been a huge area of development, each boat costs around £20,000 and there is nothing we haven't done for fundraising. Also, we have developed a really strong youth section. The thing I really care about is that the original founder members always had the attitude that everyone should feel able to come and row, no matter how old you are, what size you are, or how fit you are. There are all sorts of different levels within the club from the super fit A-Crew rowers to the older rowers like me.



stunningly beautiful and to row there is amazing. The start line is more than a mile long and there are over 120 gigs all lined up.

It's extraordinary, not just the sight of it, but also the sound of the start, when 600 oars all hit the water at the same time, 120 coxes shout their orders and the crews grunt and groan.

The races are incredibly closely fought, not just between the elite crews who are way up at the front, but equally the fight between say the 80th and 81st boat is just as real in terms of competition. Then afterwards, no matter what happens on the water, everyone gets together to celebrate.

■ HOW has the prospect of the Olympics rubbed off on the club?

We really want to ensure that people know about gig rowing. It's obviously nowhere near to being an Olympic sport but it's very much a West Country tradition and we just want as many people as possible to see the beautiful boats. On the one hand they are finely crafted works of art, and on the other hand they are working boats that stand up to the most brutal sea conditions.

■ WHAT other events are in the pipeline?

Absolutely, yes. The championships started on the Isles of Scilly about 21-years-ago. The islands are

■ THE World Pilot Gig Championships are coming up in May. Will you be going to that?

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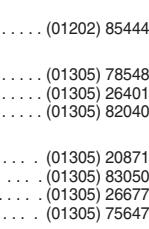
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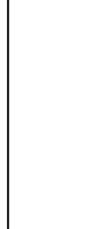
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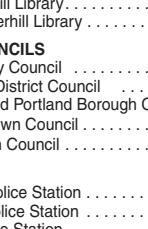
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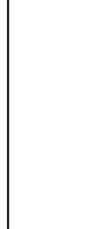
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CAB receives three-year funding package

DORCHESTER | THE manager of Dorchester's Citizens Advice Bureau has welcomed a three-year funding package.

A total of £209,601 is being given to the three Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) in West Dorset by the district council. The money will help with running costs until 2015.

"The current agreement runs out in March and it's extremely useful that we can plan for three years with some certainty. Other CABs have not been in such a fortunate position," said Manager Daniel Cadisch.

"We are grateful that West Dorset District Council (WDDC) appreciate the value of what we do."

In the last financial year alone the Dorchester bureau has dealt with just under 20,000 clients, covering 12,500 issues. The bureau has around 75 staff, the majority of them volunteers, and each year costs around £360,000 to run.

Each year the number of inquiries increase with a steady rise in problems around debt and, more re-

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cently, employment issues which alone have gone up by 12 per cent in the year.

"Overall our workforce has had to increase by around 50 per cent since 2005 to deal with the changes but we are now at capacity – it would be difficult to physically get anymore people in the building.

"When I started ten-years-ago we used to have three volunteer advisors ready to see people, now we have to have five or six to cope with the demand," said Mr Cadisch.

While many people believe that the bureau is funded by the Government or other national sources, this is not the case and each bureau has to apply for council and other grants, to charities, and to take on contracted advice work to keep going.

WDDC has supported the Citizens Advice Bureaux in Dorchester, Bridport and Sherborne for over 20

years.

During that time the CABs have provided a number of services such as: Expanding their outreach services to improve services to rural West Dorset; in Bridport the CAB offers a wide ranging home services and Dorchester CAB has developed drop-in sessions in five local GPs and an outreach service in Chickerell.

Sherborne and Dorchester bureaux have developed arrangements with Macmillan Cancer Care to give advice to Cancer patients and their families. WDDC Leader Robert Gould said: "The CAB does an excellent job of providing support to those in need.

"I am delighted the district council is able to give this money to continue to help and support the bureaux carry on their fantastic service especially in these difficult times.

"It is important the district council is able to help support these services without cutting frontline services and keeping council tax low."

The district council's Executive Committee also agreed £17,576 be given to support the four Youth Information Centres in the district which will cover running costs until 2015.

The Youth Information Centres in West Dorset are Routes in Dorchester, The Mill in Bridport, INSPARATION in Lyme Regis and The Rendezvous in Sherborne.

The centres who work in partnership with services including the CAB's, Connexions, contraceptive services, children's out-of-school services and the district council's housing advice to help provide support for young people aged 16 to 25.

Rotary donation

DORCHESTER | SPECIALIST equipment for the county hospital's endoscopy department is being presented by the Rotary Club of Dorchester.

President Pauline Camm chose the department for her year's charity and in September launched an appeal to raise sufficient money to buy a piece of equipment enabling a Colonoscopy to be a more comfortable procedure for patients, whilst making it possible for the consultants to get better pictures inside the colon.

"Thanks to the support of the people of Dorchester and surrounding villages who so generously gave money to the Christmas Sleigh collection and also to individual donations, we reached our target sooner than anticipated. The equipment was installed in the department earlier this week and is now in use," said Pauline.

In addition to buying two pumps Rotary had sufficient funds to pay for three Endoscopy Nurses to attend special training courses, one of them was an advanced, ENB Accredited Course in London.

Welcome to the world

DORCHESTER | A STEERING group has been formed in Dorchester to stage events during the Olympics. The Chamber of Commerce, the town's Business Improvement District, Town Crier Alistair Chisholm, and others, are looking at "Welcome to the World" themed events.

Mr Chisholm has already investigated flying flags from every nation taking part in the Olympics but the expected £7,000-plus cost of brackets, permissions and the flags themselves is likely to rule the idea out.

A steering group is now looking at a World Event Weekend on Saturday, August 11th and Sunday 12th, including a procession with music in the Borough Gardens.

Police job cuts could see 558 face axe

DORSET | DORSET Police could face job cuts of the equivalent of 558 staff by March 2015 after a decision by Dorset Police Authority to accept a one-off government funding plan.

Three options had been placed before the Police Authority including a zero per cent rise in the police

precept and therefore council tax, a 3.3 per cent rise or a 3.95 per cent rise.

Members of the board chose to take the government's one-off Council Tax Protection Grant, which is equivalent to a three per cent rise in the precept and therefore council tax.

Under projections made in a report presented by Chief Constable Martin Baker it was predicted that with a 3.95 per cent precept increase 478 full time equivalent jobs within the Dorset Police force would be lost.

The adoption of the grant means that an extra 80 could now be lost.

Parking permit changes upset shoppers

DORCHESTER | COMMUNITY leader Margaret Morrissey has accused the district council and Dorchester's BID group of ignoring public opinion.

Mrs Morrissey, from the Poundbury Resident's Association, who is also a member of other groups in the town, says local people were ignored over changes to shoppers parking permits.

"There has been no response whatsoever from West Dorset District Council (WDDC). I spoke to a lady today who decided to write to the council in support of the complaint against the proposals and was told when she handed the letter in they would pass it on – but the decision had been made and voted on and there was no consultation.

"If this is true it is an absolute disgrace and yet another example of the people in the out of town community being totally ignored," said Mrs Morrissey.

"We are ignored, councillors who on my doorstep asking for my vote who I trusted; officers who part of

my council tax pays their wages working against the people to compensate for the poor planning which has reduced parking in Dorchester."

Mrs Morrissey, who has lived in the town for more than 20 years, worries that she is watching what she fears could be the demise of the town.

"We are most probably about to lose another very large shop, Peacocks...we have a plethora of empty shops who will no doubt be filled with either an optician, a betting shop or a mobile phone shop.

"My commiserations with the few remain shops who struggle to survive. I wish you well."

A spokesman for the district council pointed out that the proposed changes to parking permits were known about, and reported on, prior to the council meeting where they were approved.

Changes which, the council points out, have resulted in a freeze in short-term parking prices for the sixth year in a row.

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Volunteers needed to help with TV switchover

HELPERS are needed to help give advice and support when digital TV switchover happens in parts of Dorset in March.

Volunteer Dorset has recruited some helpers after an earlier appeal but is looking for more.

"Ideally we would like another five or six to come and join us," said Craig Womble from the Volunteer Centre. "They will need to be available for a training day on February 27th and again towards the end of the first week in March and on two other days later in the month."

The volunteers will be staffing an advice centre in the town to offer support and guidance for those who might be unable to cope with re-

tuning their televisions, or other equipment when the switch over happens.

It is anticipated that those who need help will be able to visit the volunteers, or telephone them, on the day of the switch over and afterwards.

The key dates, apart from the training day, are the March 7th and 8th and March 21st and 22nd.

"It may be that some volunteers would like to work all of those days and others might only want to do half a day - as long as we get enough volunteers we should be able to accommodate people's wishes," said Craig.

Normal out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed for volunteers

including travel and lunch.

Although some of the volunteers already recruited do have a technical background Mr Womble stresses that this is not vital as the training provided will cover all the issues that people are likely to come across.

"Being a good communicator and willing to help people is more important," said Craig.

The project in Dorset is being run By Dorset Community Action in partnership with Volunteer Centre Dorset.

For more details contact Volunteer Centre Dorset on 01305 269214 or email Mr Womble at c.womble@volunteeringdorset.org.uk

Prices held in district council car parks

PARKING charges in all West Dorset District Council car parks have been frozen for the coming year.

It means that prices in 2012 will be exactly the same for a two hour stay in 2005.

"We took this decision to help local businesses and residents. We are working hard to support West Dorset's economy through tough times and freezing car parking charges is just one of the steps we are taking," said Robert Gould, leader of West Dorset District Council.

"Keeping charges low will help attract shoppers into our town centres."

The move was welcomed by Phil Gordon, Dorchester BID (Business Improvement District) project director. Mr Gordon said: "We overwhelmingly welcome the move to freeze car parking charges at 2005 levels.

"It shows that the district council realises that businesses are struggling and they need all the support they can get.

"Cheaper parking should encour-

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CCTV proving to be an asset for police

DORCHESTER | PUBLIC order offences and antisocial behaviour top the poll for activities caught on Dorchester's CCTV cameras.

Latest figures show the most likely time for this, and other incidents, is between 1am and 3am in the morning. Many of these are thought likely to be drink related.

The town's 15 cameras recorded 35 incidents between October and the end of December, the busiest being the two in Trinity Street and the camera in High West Street near the Catholic church.

Two thirds of the incidents, a total of 22 out of the 35, were recorded as public order or antisocial behaviour; six were recorded as violent crime; three as theft; two of criminal damage and one of car crime.

Inspector Les Fry said the cameras remain an extremely useful tool in keeping the town and protecting the public.

"They are a great asset helping to apprehend offenders and for gathering evidence when cases do go to court, often saving witnesses the distress of having to appear

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in court and give evidence. There is no doubt that criminals don't like CCTV."

A total of 20 of the 35 incidents took place between midnight and 4am. Inspector Fry, who recently reported an overall drop in crime in and around the county town, said that the cameras played an important role in protecting local people and, when offences occurred, in getting officers quickly to the scene and then achieving convictions.

He was quick to point out that, compared to other towns, the figures for incidents caught on camera are extremely low.

"Dorchester is a very safe place to live and work. Overall crime levels are low which is reflected in these CCTV figures. However we must not be complacent and continue our work with the public and our partners to help keep Dorchester a safe place."

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Public consultation for new community health strategy

DORSET | REDUCING the level of long-term residential care and unnecessary hospital admissions are two targets for a new health and social care strategy for Dorset.

With a growing elderly population and residential care now costing more than £20,000 a year on average, the county has been forced to explore ways of making savings.

It is now consulting local people on a proposed strategy for health and social care services across the county.

The draft Community Health Strategy sets out the broad aims and objectives which its authors claim will "contribute to substantial improvements in services across the county", but which others fear will make state-funded residential care more difficult to achieve.

The current criteria means that residential care is only offered when an individual's needs are considered "critical".

Even then it is only funded if the person who needs care has less than £23,000 in assets. Many have been forced to sell their homes to pay for their own care because they do not meet the guidelines.

The new joint strategy from Dorset County Council (DCC) and NHS Dorset builds on a number of priorities for health and social care already identified through national, regional and local consultations with carers and service

users as well as voluntary organisations and community representatives.

The proposals say services should focus on providing "high quality, responsive support to help people to live a longer and healthier life".

Much of the focus will be on strengthening community support to keep people in their own homes for longer with the structure of services moving from a centralised to a locality based approach where care is delivered closer to home.

Other priorities include improving rehabilitation services to support vulnerable people whilst also achieving best value for money and health promotion and preventative care.

The strategy also talks about increasing choice and control for people through personal budgets and direct payments.

Other areas being looked at include helping people to adapt to live at home after illness or hospital treatment through the use of re-ablement, home adaptations, telecare and support for long term conditions.

The county council and NHS Dorset say they would also like to make better use of partnerships with independent and voluntary providers to complement existing services.

Andrew Cattaway, Cabinet member for adult social care at DCC, said: "We are committed to achieving a high quality of

life for local residents and communities and recognise that health and well-being are fundamental elements of this aspiration.

"The Health Community Strategy aims to ensure services are developed in line with future needs and we want to ensure that a wide range of individuals and organisations take part in the consultation and have their say in services they receive. This will help us identify top priorities to incorporate in the final plans."

Director of Joint Commissioning and Partnerships for the NHS Bournemouth and Poole and NHS Dorset Cluster, John Morton, said:

"Whilst we are fortunate enough to enjoy comparatively good health services across the county we want to continue to improve these and getting input from local people helps us to ensure we will meet future healthcare requirements.

"We want to encourage as many people as possible to take part in this consultation."

The consultation runs until the end of March and more details on the proposals and how to get involved in the consultation can be found on the council's website, www.dorset-forum.com/consultations

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Film screening

DORCHESTER | THE story of a woman who refuses to move home when a motorway is built alongside her features at Dorchester Film Society's meeting at the Corn Exchange on February 23rd.

The European film, made in 2008, is described as being a "beautifully acted parable of the horrific environmental impacts of life in the 21st century" and stars Isabelle Huppert.

Details about membership can be obtained by calling 01305 267316.

Photography talk

DORCHESTER | PHOTOGRAPHY featuring the wildlife of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland will be the main attraction at an RSPB meeting in Dorchester tonight (Thursday 16th).

The meeting of the South Dorset group of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, takes place at 7.30pm in St George's Hall.

Photographer David Kjaer is the guest speaker. Entry costs £2.50 for members of the RSPB, £3 for non-members.

The admission price includes refreshments.

Police chaplain ordained

DORCHESTER | DORSET Police chaplain, Jean Saddington, will be ordained as a priest by the Bishop of Salisbury at a ceremony in Dorchester on Saturday 18th.

The event will take place in St Mary's Church and carried out by the Right Reverend Nicholas Holtam.

The Reverend Saddington was ordained as a deacon almost four-years-ago and has now decided to serve as a priest in the Dorchester Team.

She has worked as co-ordinating chaplain for Dorset as well as chaplain to Dorset Police.

Serving officers from the force and civilian staff at the Winfrith HQ are expected to attend the service alongside guests from Salisbury Cathedral where she spent three months on placement almost two-years-ago.

Surprise party for Lyn



DORCHESTER | LINE Dance teacher Lyn Taplin's dedication to her pupils was marked with a surprise cake and presents for her 65th.

Students who attend her Dorchester classes clubbed together and organised the presentation.

"She's a very special lady and is thought of very highly by all those who have been taught by her," said Derek Slade, on of Lyn's many fans.

Lyn runs L&B Line with regular classes in Dorchester both in the Corn Exchange and the United Church and also in Charminster and Broadmayne.

In addition to training she also organises regular Line Dances the next to be held in Dorchester Corn Exchange on March 9th.

Italian restaurant chain to bring 40 new jobs to town

DORCHESTER | AN Italian restaurant chain is to bring 40 new jobs to Dorchester's Brewery Square development.

Carluccio's has taken over 3,250square feet in the Bonded Stores building, which will include an outdoor terrace.

The main square of the development, on the former Eldridge Pope site, is expected to open in October this year.

Other businesses signed up include an Odeon cin-

ema, Café Rouge, Pizza Express, Zizzi, Wagamama and Premier Inns.

The 11-acre site will also include apartments, a nursing home and an additional hotel together with a rebuilt railway station building.

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Charter anniversary

DORCHESTER | THE 60th anniversary of Dorchester Round Table is being celebrated this weekend in the county town.

Former Tablers from throughout the country will travel to the town's King's Arms for a special dinner. Also attending will be the national Round Table president John Payne and town crier Alistair Chisholm who has written a special cry for the event.

Organiser, Ellis Ford, is still looking for items which may well spark a few memories amongst those who have taken part in the organisation's past, such as old photographs.

Anyone with items, or photographs, should contact View from Dorchester reporter Trevor Bevins, a former chairman, at trevorbevins@gmail.com.

Litter talk

DORCHESTER | POUNDBURY Residents Association Margaret Morrissey is to talk to the heads of local schools about problems with litter in the area.

"As with many young people, those living on Poundbury are not all as litter conscious as they should be. I will be speaking to the head teachers and asking them to raise the 'take your litter home' issue," said Mrs Morrissey in her report to members of the Association.

"As a member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England and Dorchester Stop the Drop campaign it is dear to my heart... I am a constant litter picker and want the message to reach all those who are not litter conscious."

Parking permits remain

DORCHESTER | SHOPPERS' parking permits are to remain in use at West Dorset District Council owned car parks.

Despite suggestions that they might be scrapped district councillors have decided to keep them.

These permits can now be used once a day, every day, allowing holders to park for two hours.

A new scratch card parking service will also be launched. This has been designed for business people and workers on call, who need to be in and out of their offices frequently. The scratch cards entitle the holder to six 20 minute parking sessions in a day.

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Young SPARCS make parents proud

DORCHESTER IN freezing conditions youngsters warmed their parents and carers hearts with a proud display at Dorchester Fire Station.

The team of eight, who had spent a week at the fire station as part of a special project, demonstrated fire-fighting techniques with hoses, a ladder rescue from a building and pulling victims from a crashed car.

Aimed at teenagers, and slightly younger, the SPARCS project is designed to give young people a taste of the discipline which fire-fighters have to achieve and to discourage misbehaviour.

Most come to the Safer People and Responsible Communities course recommended by teachers, youth or social workers. And most leave the course more responsible, with a greater understanding of team work, themselves and better disciplined.

Fire Service's Community Safety Education Officer, Rosemary Locock said: "The change in them over the week can be quite remarkable. On Monday they often come in cocky and cheeky but by Tuesday they are beginning to take stock and by Wednesday they are working as a team. By the time they finish they are polite, more understanding and disciplined."

Chief Fire Officer Darren Gunter was at the final day to watch the eight young people performing as a team, coping with hoses and getting wet in freezing conditions and going on to simulate a building and car crash rescue.

Much of the work is designed to discourage young people from be-



PICTURED are youngsters on the SPARCS course demonstrate their skills at fire fighting and rescue

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coming future fire starters, whether deliberately or accidentally, and to not get involved in risky illegal activities such as joy-riding.

He said the brigade

started the project as a way of working with young people to help change attitudes and behaviours and to improve life skills.

"This week is a real

challenge. We expose them to the full discipline that we place on all our staff...and we do make a real difference to these young people's lives."

The Chief Officer spent time talking to each of the young people on the course, praising each for their participation.

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Diamond Jubilee events

DORCHESTER | THIS year's Dorchester Festival will be taking place over the Diamond Jubilee weekend in June.

Events being planned include a Big Lunch in the Borough Gardens on Sunday, June 3rd with the Monster Ceilidh Band playing in the gardens the following day after which they will lead a procession to Salisbury Field where the Beacon will be lit.

Music from six decades of the Queen's reign will feature in the Borough Gardens on Tuesday, June 5th finishing at 9pm.

At Poundbury celebrations include a free Square Dance on Saturday, June 2nd in Pummary Square at 4pm where people will be encouraged to bring a picnic, and on Monday, June 4th a Tea Party in the Brownsword Hall which is expected to begin mid-afternoon and will include a champagne toast.

Quiz fundraiser

DORCHESTER | JULIA'S House fundraisers are hoping to repeat the success of their first quiz night in Dorchester with a sell out.

The Julia's House Dorchester Friends Group are holding another Quiz Night on Friday, March 23rd at the Colliton Club Dorchester.

Tables of 4 or 6 can be booked in advance at a cost of £8 per person, which will include a basket meal. Bookings can be made by calling Bunty on 077 866 166 44.

Housing market on the up

DORCHESTER | ESTATE Agents in Dorset believe the homes market is once again on the up.

Some have reported inquiries are up by 20 per cent in January, compared to the same time last year.

It is thought that static, or even declining house prices, have tempted people back into the market with investors viewing property as a good investment once again.

Chairman of Goadsby Residential, Nigel Price said the firm's enquiry rate was the best it had seen in four years.



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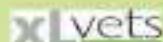
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Student attempts world record ride

DORCHESTER | A DORCHESTER cyclist is hoping to become the youngest man to pedal around the world.

Stuart Lansdale, 21, will set off on his 18,000-mile adventure on Saturday, February 18th.

He will raise money for the Dorset Expeditionary Society and the Okhle Village Trust in Nepal where he worked on a placement last year.

Taking a year out from a degree course at Brunel University he will be one of a team of 11 taking part in the World Cycle Racing Grand Tour.

If he is to get close to the 96-day record he will need to cycle at least 140 miles each day.

His hope is to be back by the time of the Olympics but failing that has to get back for his next University year in September.

He is hoping to raise up to £5,000 for the Dorset Expeditionary Society which he spent time with in America and Canada in 2008, mountain climbing and canoeing.

"I believe that I will be the youngest person to cycle around the world and have a varied route taking me through the winter of Russia and the endless Kazakh steppe."

"I am doing the event as cheaply as possible. I'm only a poor student and therefore am carrying a lot of



■ STUART Lansdale, 21

gear with me so for the most part I can be self-supported.

"I plan to ride quite fast for this event and would like to be back in the UK by the end of July.

"I will be blogging and keeping people up to date with my progress <http://www.stuartlansdale.com>." Stuart can be sponsored by visiting www.mycharitypage.com/Stuart-CyclesWorld.

Mr Sly has replaced Chief Executive Roger Browning, who has led the

DORCHESTER | A DORCHESTER man has been appointed to lead the Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust.

Paul Sly has just taken up his role as Chief Executive after a selection and interview process involving staff members, governors and external partners.

He comes to the post from the after working as Chief Executive of the NHS Bournemouth and Poole and NHS Dorset cluster having worked in finance, at Deputy Chief Executive level and then as Chief Executive of NHS Dorset, before being chosen to lead the cluster.

"I am very excited about joining Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust at such an interesting and challenging time and feel positive about the future.

"I relish this opportunity to lead the transformation of the trust and look forward to working with staff and partners to deliver integrated community and mental health services across Dorset and deliver, in partnership, care closer to home."

Mr Sly has replaced Chief Executive Roger Browning, who has led the

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trust for nearly 20 years and is stepping down by the end of March 2012 to spend more time working closer with service users and workforce, along with a very bright future."

Jonathan Walsh, Chairman, Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We are delighted to welcome Paul as new Chief Executive of the trust and congratulate him on his appointment.

"I am confident that the trust will continue to build on the excellent legacy Roger leaves us with - and

we will continue have a strong, cohesive and successful Board, Executive Management Team and workforce, along with a very bright future."

■ DORSET HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust provides community health services, mental health, learning disability, addictions, community brain injury, community dental, and some primary care services, across Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.



■ DORCHESTER man Paul Sly who takes over this month as Chief Executive of the Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

Top baby award for county hospital

DORCHESTER | DORSET County Hospital has been awarded the Baby Friendly Award from the United Nations Children's Fund.

It will be presented at the hospital's maternity unit to Dorset Director of Public Health Doctor Adrian Dawson at the end of February.

The award has been given in recognition of work to increase breast feeding and improve care for all mothers at the hospital.

"Breastfeeding protects babies against a wide range of serious illnesses including gastroenteritis and respiratory infections in infancy as well as allergies and diabetes in childhood.

"We also know that breastfeeding reduces the mother's risk of some cancers – although mums

might be more interested in hearing that it is easier, cheaper and simply less hassle than bottle feeding," said Linda Walters, Clinical Lead Midwife at the County Hospital.

The Baby Friendly Initiative, set up by UNICEF and the World Health Organisation, is a global programme which provides a practical and effective way for health services to improve the care provided for all mothers and babies.

The award is given to hospitals after an assessment by a UNICEF team has shown that recognised best practice standards are in place.

"We are delighted that Dorset County Hospital has achieved full Baby Friendly status," said Baby Friendly Initiative Programme Director Sue Ashmore.

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30 years of WOW

WEYMOUTH | WEYMOUTH'S WOW Youth Musical Theatre celebrated its 30th anniversary with an informal reception in the Mayor's Parlour.

Representatives of the popular organisation were welcomed by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter who said: "WOW means everything to the community."

"It gives youngsters an opportunity to perform with others, it produces wonderful productions and it is a credit to the town and the volunteers who run it."

WOW chairman Alan McKechnie said: "We were delighted that the Mayor was able to give us some time to talk together about how we can promote our 30th anniversary in the town."

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"We will be staging "WOW! It's 30 Years!" at the Pavilion, a production which is a compilation show of everything from the Blues Brothers to Bizet.

"There will be music and dance in what we hope will be fantastic entertainment for the audience and a fitting way of marking our 30th birthday."

The show at the Pavilion Theatre will run from April 13th-14th and tickets are available from the Pavilion box office on 01305-783225 or from www.visitweymouth.co.uk.



■ WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor Graham Winter (right) shakes hands with Alan McKechnie watched by, from the left, Rod Pattinson, Pavilion business manager Max Grayson, leisure spokesman Councillor Andy Balckwood and WOW fundraising chairman Kevin Butcher

LEAP girls aim for Edinburgh with show



■ WASHING their sins away are, from the left, Lauren Whitehead, Hannah Soulsby and Rhea Soulsby

WEYMOUTH | A WEYMOUTH College-based theatre group has held a special taster show to promote its plans for a county tour.

LEAP was formed in September 2011 to perform at the college and other venues for a year. Assistant director Rhea Soulsby said LEAP, which only has three members, devises its own work inspired by real life events to evoke

emotion, ask questions and spark debate.

She added: "We hope to carry out a county-wide tour so we staged our taster show, 'Cleansed', to promote that to an audience including the Dorset Theatre Promoters Consortium who were hopefully impressed enough to hire us."

"Cleansed" is based on the Irish Magdalene Laundries which were

institutions for "fallen women" who were in effect turned into voluntary prisoners to "wash their sins away" at the laundry.

If all goes well LEAP will be at the Edinburgh Fringe festival in August and on tour in Dorset from September.

Anyone interested in hiring LEAP or in information about them can log on to www.leaptheatre.co.uk.

Revealing crime figures

WEST DORSET | CRIME figures in West Dorset, which included Bridport, Lyme Regis, Beaminster and Dorchester, are lower than the regional average.

But Weymouth and Portland is above both the regional and national average – according to figures from Dorset Police.

The statistics show just under 46 crimes for each 1,000 population in West Dorset, but 85 for each 1,000 in Weymouth.

The regional average is 62.3 and the national average 75.7.

Purbeck and North Dorset both have average figures of 40 crimes per 1,000 population. The lowest figures in the county are for East Dorset with 31.7 and the highest crime area is Bournemouth with 106.7.

It is believed that there is a correlation between the crime rates and evening entertainment in pubs and clubs.

The figures come from a report into CCTV monitoring in the county. It reveals that Weymouth and Portland now has 130 cameras, monitored around the clock, compared to 125 in Poole and 154 in Bournemouth.

Volunteers needed for abseil

DORSET | DORSET volunteers are needed to abseil down a church tower for the Christian Aid charity.

The 100 foot drop down St Mary's Church, Swanage will take place on Wednesday, February 29th.

"The Dorset Coast Abseil promises to be an exciting challenge and what a great way to kick start 2012. By taking on this challenge, you will not only be challenging yourself but also the structures which keep people trapped in poverty."

"By going over the edge this leap year, you really will be making a difference," said Helen Burgess, Events Fundraising Officer at Christian Aid.

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Keep on strolling

DORCHESTER | DORCHESTER Strollers continue their winter walking programme – despite the recent cold spell.

The group, which organises free led walks at a gentle pace, meet today (Thursday 16th) at 2.15pm at the Brownsword Hall, Poundbury and again on Monday 20th at 10.30am by the Tesco fountains with another walk the following day, which starts at 2.15pm from North Square.

On regular walking days the group have at least two groups walking at different rates – the faster walkers for about an hour and the slower group for a half to three-quarters of an hour.

Further details about Dorchester Strollers can be obtained from their secretary, Susan Blake on Dorchester 263759.

Panto time

DORCHESTER | TICKETS are on sale for the United Church Pantomime Players production of Sinbad from February 23rd to 25th.

The players will stage evening performances at 7pm with a 2.30pm matinee on the final day.

Adult tickets cost £4, children £2.50 with a family ticket for two adults and up to three children available for £12 from The Gallery in Charles Street.

Pancake party

DORCHESTER | THURSDAY Group members at St George's Church, Dorchester will be holding a charity pancake party on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st.

The event will be held in St George's Hall from 3pm until 4.30pm costing £1 for a pancake and a cup of tea, with subsequent pancakes at 50p each.

A raffle and bring and buy sale will also be held during the afternoon.

Smart partnership for college



■ PICTURED from left Kingston Maurward College Assistant Principal Andy Daw; Kingston Maurward College Principal Clare Davison; Smart Recruitment Area Manager Rachel Blight; and Smart Recruitment Consultant Debbie Clark

DORCHESTER | KEY Dorset apprenticeship provider Kingston Maurward College and employment experts Smart Recruitment have embarked on a brand new partnership to expand their apprentice provision together.

The launch sees Smart Recruitment supporting local employers by providing them with payroll and recruitment assistance.

Kingston Maurward College offers apprenticeships in a broad range of subject areas including administration, animal care, agriculture, environmental conservation, equine, horticulture, IT, retail and arboriculture.

Assistant Principal Employer Engagement, Andy Daw said: "The partnership is based on a response to youth unemployment, and research that shows local businesses could benefit from some assistance with payroll and recruitment paperwork.

"By working with Smart Recruitment we will make becoming an apprentice easier for both the business and the young person looking for work."

Smart Recruitment is an established and well known brand in the recruitment world in Dorset and Somerset with three local branches in Dorchester, Yeovil and Poole.

Rachel Blight, Area Manager for Smart Recruitment said: "We have been working with Kingston Maurward for some time now to perfect the service that we can offer to both apprentices and employers alike.

"We believe we have a unique formula together to add real value and support during these tough economic times to really boost business in Dorset and Somerset and of course create more opportunities for apprentices. We are delighted to be involved and very excited about the future prospects in partnership with the college."

Weymouth and Portland's Newest Wedding Fayre

FUTURE brides and grooms are invited to the Wedding Fayre at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on April 9th 2012 from 11am - 4pm.

The Fayre is a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat to a wide range of local wedding specialists and suppliers, who will all be gathered under one roof, for one day only! Anyone looking for their dream wedding cake, ideal photographer or ultimate wedding car can come along, see what's on offer and plan their perfect day.

Dorset's newest Wedding Fayre (at the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) promises to be a very special occasion. Doors open at 11am for the fair and close at 4pm, with admission £2 (free with flyer), which includes a glass of bucks fizz on arrival and canapés.

The highlight of the day will be the two bridal fashion shows at 12noon and 2pm presented by Valerie Honeywill of Wedding Whirled and featuring dresses from Oxfam and Girls of Elegance and suits by Moss Bros. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and take a seat near the catwalk – so that they don't miss the beautiful gowns on show.

The wedding soloist Naomi Mulroy will be entertaining throughout the day and there will also be a "first dance" performance on stage. A dedicated 'groom zone', interactive workshops and crèche will help to ensure that brides and grooms simply can't afford to miss this event! As an added bonus, couples can enter into a competition to win a wedding at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Refreshments will also be available in the cafeteria that boasts a stunning view of the Jurassic coast.

For couples yet to find the venue to hold their wedding reception this is also an opportunity to have a look around the Spinnakers Function room to see what it has to offer. There are still dates available for wedding receptions in 2012 and 2013, so whether you are planning an intimate dinner or a large party, the Sailing Academy are sure to be able to help and will even give a 20% room booking discount if the booking is made on the day.

For further information please visit the website www.wponsa.org.uk or contact Claudia Webb on 01305 866000 or email reception@wponsa.org.uk



Big band concert

DORCHESTER | SCOUTING groups in the Dorchester area will benefit from a Purbeck Big Band concert in the Corn Exchange next weekend.

Tickets (£6.50) for the annual fund-raiser, organised by the Dorchester District Scout Council, are now on sale from the Tourist Information Centre or by calling 01305 263005.

The 10th annual concert on Saturday 25th at 7.45pm will feature guest vocalists Tanya Loneran and Sam Merrick.

Community lunch

DORCHESTER | DORCHESTER'S next Community Lunch, on Thursday, March 1st, will hear about the work of the Cowden Care Farm.

Siobhan Davies from the charity will be talking about the group's work, much of it with people with learning disabilities.

The lunch is to take place at the Dorford Centre. It costs £4 and can be booked by calling Pauline Trimming on 07917 811081.

The lunches are held as a networking event for local community organisations.

Pub stories

DORCHESTER | INN signs and Dorset Pub Stories is the title of a talk this week to the Portesham Diamond Club.

Rob Curtis will be giving his talk in the village hall on Tuesday, February 21 at 2.30pm

On Saturday 25th the hall will host The Heartstrings Quartet as they bring Irish music to the village.

Tickets cost £12 for adults, £8 for under 18s and £32 for a family and will be available at the Tuesday village café on the 21st or by calling 01305 871925.

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- In one year we eat nearly three billion meals containing chips.
- We eat 300 million portions of fish and chips in Britain each year.
- There are more than 10,000 fish and chip shops in the UK.
- Nearly 200 million chip meals are sold in fish and chip shops each year.
- Fish and chips outsell Indian takeaways by two to one.

Health

- A portion of sweet and sour chicken, egg fried rice and two spring rolls contains 22% more calories than a portion of fish and chips.
- An average portion of chip shop chips

contains 686 fewer calories than a doner kebab.

- Chip shop chips that are cooked for the optimum 5-6 minutes will absorb less fat as they are not left in the oil any longer than necessary.
- Shaking and draining your chips can reduce fat absorption by 20% and make your chips crispier. This is because chips carry on absorbing fat after they come out of the fryer.
- A study has shown that thin chips contained, on average, more than 1.5 times the fat of a thick chip cooked under the same conditions, making fat chips the healthier option.
- Oven chips contain just 5% fat.

Trivia

- A 2011 survey showed that fans of wedges are most likely to dip them in barbecue sauce, and ketchup is most popular with those who prefer oven chips and French fries.
- Chris Verschueren, from Kastel, Belgium holds the world record for the longest French Fries cooking marathon. He cooked for 83 hours, serving 15,000 portions of chips.

In the 1860s the first fish and chip shop was reported to be opened in London by Joseph Malin, however, it was also claimed that premises near Mossley, near Oldham in Lancashire, was also the first fish and chip shop.

- A quarter of all potatoes grown in Britain are made into chips – that's around 1.5 million tonnes each year, or nearly the same weight as 125,000 full double decker buses.
- The record number of chip portions sold in a fish & chip shop in one day was 4,000.
- The chips eaten in Great Britain each year come from potatoes weighing the equivalent of nearly 2.9 million Formula 1 cars. Laid end to end, those chips would take you around Silverstone Grand Prix Circuit over 1.5 million times – equivalent to more than 26,000 British Grand Prix's.
- During the Second World War, chips were one of the few foods that weren't rationed.
- The world's largest fish and chip portion was made in July 2011 at the Wensleydale Heifer.

Oven baked chips facts

- For chips prepared in the home, nearly 60% are oven baked
- Oven chips contain just 5% fat



Record longest French fries

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Prison needs more monitoring volunteers

DORSET | THE watchdog body which keeps an independent eye on life behind the walls of Dorchester Prison is looking for volunteers.

The chance to join the team carrying out one of the most interesting and satisfying voluntary roles in Dorset has arisen following the resignation for business and personal reasons of two members of the prison's Independent

Monitoring Board - one of more than 130 attached to establishments throughout England and Wales.

The new IMB members selected for Dorchester will be appointed by the Justice Minister after local interview and security vetting. They will join the 12-strong Board at the Category B establishment, which holds an average of 270 prisoners serving sentences from "life" to a few

months, imposed for a very wide range of crimes.

The Board is drawn from all over Dorset and members average around three days a month working at the prison

The Justice Ministry says: "IMB members have an increasingly valuable and important role to play in ensuring that prisoners are being cared for decently and with humanity."

"They monitor the day to day life in a prison visiting on a regular basis, often unannounced, and talk to prisoners and staff. They may occasionally be called out to monitor serious incidents and observe how they are being dealt with."

After initial training members are security cleared to carry keys and have an absolute right of access to all parts of the prison.

Dorchester Prison is in North Square just off the town centre, and behind its Victorian exterior lie some very modern support facilities aimed at guiding prisoners away from reoffending when they are released.

IMB Board Chair Judith Anstiss said: "Board members are appointed regardless of age, sex, ethnicity or sexual orientation. They need to be mature, open-minded and committed to diversity, equality and human rights."

"Alongside sound judgment and good communication skills, they should have integrity, perseverance and a willingness to take responsibility and challenge the status quo. Being a good listener is also a key asset."

"Everyone works as a team but members will often be required to visit parts of the prison on their own which demands a certain level of confidence."

The Justice Ministry summed up: "It is important that Boards are made up of a cross section of the local community, with members coming from all walks of life, backgrounds and experience. You do not need any special qualifications but you will need the enthusiasm, energy and commitment to make a full contribution of the Board."

IMB work is unpaid but members qualify for Justice Ministry travel and subsistence allowances.

Anyone interested in joining the IMB Board at HMP Dorchester should contact Vice Chair Ann Hodgkins on 01258 830331.

Dorset kids urged to get on their bikes

DORSET | KIDS, parents and teachers across Dorset will be getting on their bikes for the journey to school this March as part of Sustrans Big Pedal - with top prizes up for grabs for the schools that involve most people.

The Big Pedal is the UK's biggest school cycling competition to get kids active and raise money for the charity Sustrans. Phillip Darnton Executive Director of the Bicycle Association added: "The future of cycling depends on every generation of kids learning and wanting to cycle. What better way to get started than joining in the Big Pedal."

Nearly half of all children want to be able to get to school by bike but only four per cent do - the three week competition will show children and their parents just how easy it is to get around on two wheels.

Adrian Roper Sustrans Regional Director for the South West said: "Last year's Big Pedal saw children from more than 800 schools across the UK making nearly a million journeys by bike."

"This year's race will see even more families discovering just how easy it is to do the school run on two wheels.

"Children that cycle to

school regularly are more active and more alert and better learners."

The race is funded by Bike Hub, the Association of bike traders.

Phillip Darnton Executive Director of the Bicycle Association added: "The future of cycling depends on every generation of kids learning and wanting to cycle. What better way to get started than joining in the Big Pedal."

"The cycle industry through its Bike Hub levy is delighted to fund this event for another year. 2012 is a very special year; the Big Pedal marks the start if the Summer of Cycling - a new campaign bringing together everyone who cycles and encouraging them to introduce one new-comer to cycling during the year.

"That's why the Big Pedal is aiming for 1,000 schools to sign up and one million journeys to be made."

To get your school involved in the Big Pedal go to: www.thebigpedal.org.uk.

Offenders to wipe out graffiti

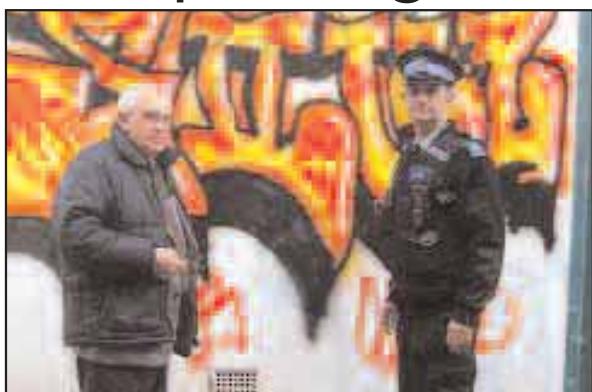
WEYMOUTH | OFFENDERS will repay their debt to society by scrubbing graffiti off the streets of Weymouth.

Up to eight offenders, supervised by Community Payback supervisors and wearing high visibility jackets, will start work as part of the Wipe Out Project this month.

Under the project, people sentenced to Unpaid Work Requirements by Dorset's Courts will use pressure washers, paint and other chemicals to clean-up graffiti in Weymouth's park district and town centre, before tackling other parts of the borough.

The project was funded by the Dorset Community Safety Partnership, which is made up of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Dorset Police and Dorset Probation Trust and other organisations.

Councillor Geoff Petherick, Community Safety Portfolio Holder at Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, said: "This is a great project that will help clean up the streets of Weymouth and help spruce up the borough.



WEYMOUTH & Portland Borough Council brief holder Geoff Petherick and PCSO Mark Benwell inspecting graffiti in Weymouth might be tackled by the offenders

"It is a good initiative because it gives people a chance to repay society and give something back to the community.

"We are asking the public to report graffiti to us so we can try and get it cleaned-up."

The offenders, who will be supervised by the Dorset Probation

Trust's Community Payback Unit, will get to work every Thursday for eight weeks.

Alongside project Wipe Out, Safer Neighbourhood Officers from Dorset Police will tour schools to encourage young people to respect their streets and report graffiti if they see it.



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Cycle in Dorset

DORSET | MOUNTAIN bike routes in Dorset have been added to a new regional website to encourage people to make use of the county's beautiful countryside.

The county's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty team is working through the South West Protected Landscapes Forum, having won a Rural Development Programme bid to develop off-road cycling in the area.

Users can log onto an interactive website to plan routes, based on their ability, and around Dorset's Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Part of the project includes making grants available to tourism businesses and community organisations to make bike-friendly improvements such as secure bike lock ups and bed and breakfast establishments who want to encourage cyclists.

Around £10,000 has been made available to projects in Dorset

The website can be accessed at www.1sw.org.uk.

West Bay talk

DORCHESTER & WEYMOUTH | PENSIONERS from Dorchester and Weymouth will be hearing a talk in the county town today (Thursday 16th), about West Bay.

The National Federation of Occupational Pensioners, Dorchester and Weymouth branch, will be meeting at 2.15pm in St Peter's Church to hear a talk entitled "The West Bay Story".

If you have a story for Weymouth contact Harry Walton on 01305 787843. For Dorchester contact Trevor Bevins on 07763 535778



First aid courses

A GROUP in Dorchester demonstrate their first aid skills

WEYMOUTH | WEYMOUTH and Portland St John Ambulance has confirmed the latest dates for its sell-out community first aid courses.

The courses are aimed at encouraging more people to learn the basic skills that can be the difference between a life lost and a life saved.

An extra course has been added in Weymouth on February 27th at the charity's resort headquarters on Westwey Road.

St John schools, community and volunteer training co-ordinator Grant Wilson said: "It is the charity's aim to teach life saving first aid skills to as many people as possible in the community.

"We have had an overwhelming number of enquiries about these courses, particularly from new parents, grandparents and those who

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want to brush up on their lifesaving skills.

"Learning first aid is one of the single most important things you can do in your life.

"You never know when you may need it – at work, at home, in school, playing sport – you just don't know.

"What could be more important than saving someone's life? These courses are designed to make learning first aid easy and fun."

The Essential First Aid course costs just £30, lasts three hours and is suitable for all ages from 12 years when accompanied by an adult.

It covers the most common first aid

situations involving adults, children and infants.

These include choking, severe bleeding, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and dealing with an unconscious casualty.

Also covered are chest pains and other common incidents.

Courses will also be held at St John Ambulance's training centres at Bridport Road, Dorchester on March 3rd and at Portland on April 17th. They run from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Additional dates and venues are added regularly or any group of eight-14 people can arrange their own training session, subject to availability.

To book a place on one of the courses visit www.sja.org.uk/dorset or, for more information, contact 01305 751157.

Empty homes to be brought back into use

WEST DORSET | ALMOST a thousand empty homes in Weymouth, Portland and West Dorset are being targeted to be brought back into use.

At a time when housing association awaiting lists are running at record highs Weymouth and Portland has more than 400 empty homes and West Dorset has 540.

Cash from a Government scheme will now be used to employ an officer to deal with the problem across both areas with the authorities getting around £7,000 in Government money for each empty home returned to use over the next six years.

The councils have highlighted a total of 200 empty "problem properties" it will prioritise to get back into use over the next three years.

Many of the others which are empty are being renovated, or are currently for sale.

Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "The council needs to maximise its income from every possible source to protect frontline services.

"Bringing empty homes back into use will help us do this as well as tackling the obvious waste of properties standing empty."

Amanda Legg, Brief Holder for Housing at Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "The scheme gives the council a fantastic opportunity to tackle the problem of empty houses in the borough which is a big issue nationwide.

"A television show late last year really highlighted the problem and it is an issue the council has been looking to tackle for a while. So this funding will really help us.

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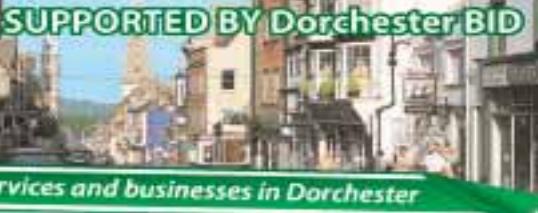
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Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

OUR first poem this week is a new one from our old friend Diana Shervington of Lyme Regis.

CONTRAST

Betwixt and between, how do you choose
Do you want to stand out, or you might lose?
When shopping for shoes, is it comfort or looks?
Or when reading is it facts or hilarious books.

When it comes to your garden, there's so much choice;
Will you make it eco-friendly?
Or do you want an immaculate place?
With the fruit trees espaliered if there's the space?

Let's walk inside, is it trendy or just bland,
Is it fashion you're after, then take a firm stand,
Or do the kids come first, and you don't mind,
You'll sure be a happy family you'll find!

Richard Whitfield is also now a Lyme Regis resident but in August 1997 when Princess Diana died he was living in Windsor Castle as Warden of St George's House. He had met Diana personally as this poem reveals.

DIANA

Like countless others, I signed memorial book,
Testament to a wounded, tangled, gifted life, forsook.
Uncomfortable, and uncomfotred, it was a forlorn
prayer,

That she might tend her life with care.

She lived and died in the fast lane,
Frenetic responses to her deep soul pain.
Arms-length hearts she melted,
Then premature death, chaotic, unbelted.

Nation mourned, not superficially,
For she was one of us, like you, like me.
Our now lost, fragile, 'Queens of Hearts,'
Is a modern tragedy in many parts.

Her memory abused, unless we discern
To safeguard all childhood's inner yearn
For careful love, and trust reliable;
Such food as identity's roots, prompts harvests undeniable.

Whatever status or external form,
Tragedy waits when unintended souls are born.

Minefields come in diverse type,
Beyond all superficial media hype.

Daring, difficult, Diana, a life uncontained,
Like some prize pup at leash she strained.
Her early passing sadly no surprise,
For I looked deep, but once, into her eyes
And sensed that for all her apparent gifts,
Her soul was troubled by existential rifts.

Richard has published a number of books concerned with the nurture of children and young people. He describes them as 'themed poetic commentaries'. All his books are available from Bracken Bank Books. The above poem is from "Purpose in Presence".

In Roman mythology Diana was a virginal Goddess of Nature who was considered a protector of the weak. In the 16th Century Sir Walter Raleigh penned this poetic tribute to her.

PRAISED BE DIANA'S FAIR AND HARMLESS LIGHT

Praised be Diana's fair and harmless light;
Praised be the dews wherewith she moists the ground;

Praised be her beams, the glory of the night;

Praised be her power by which all powers abound.

Praised be her nymphs with whom she decks the woods,

Praised be her knights in whom true honour lives;

Praised be that force by which she moves the floods;

Let that Diana shine which all these gives.

In heaven queen she is among the spheres;

In aye she mistress-like makes all things pure;

Eternity in her oft change she bears;

She beauty is; by her the fair endure.

Time wears her not: she doth his chariot guide;

Mortality below her orb is placed;

By her the virtue of the stars down slide;

In her is virtue's perfect image cast.

A knowledge pure it is her worth to know:

With Circes let them dwell that think not so.

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

Anonymous Festival returns this August



DORCHESTER'S free youth festival, Anonymous, will be back this August at Maumbury Rings.

Organisers Dorchester Youth Extra, the youth Forum for Dorchester, say the event will build on the last three festivals and continue to support local talent.

Taking place on Saturday, August 25th, organisers are now calling on local performers and bands to get in touch about playing at the event.

The event will feature two stages, giving acoustic singers as well as larger bands a chance to perform.

Festival Music Co-ordinator, Keith Hatch said: "Over recent years a number of the young bands who have played Anonymous have become well known on the music scene, both locally and nationally. Bands such as Thomas and The Mock Ups, Papa Le Gal, Not Made in China, Kill The Conversation and more. We hope this year will be no different.

"Performers have already been approaching us, and we are starting to confirm slots, but we want to offer an opportunity to as many young local bands as possible, so please get in touch."

As well as live performances the event will include activities, stalls and food - supported by West Dorset District Coun-

cil and Dorchester Town Council.

"We want to show what is out there for young people in and around Dorchester. There will be loads of free activities including a climbing wall, street dancing, face-painting, circus skills, free running, DJ workshops, slacklining, craft stalls, information stands and much, much more," said Community Development Officer for West Dorset District Council Emma Scott

"Dorchester Youth Extra are keen to involve everyone, but some groups may have missed out on an invitation to take part, so if you are a community organisation working with young people and are looking for a platform we'd love to hear from you."

Emma Scott can be contacted on 01305 252204. Email e.scott@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk



Anonymous Festival organisers

Brain Gym

No.156

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. A fool holding established financial benefits (6)
8. Leave the vehicle - it's on fire (6)
10. Turn one into an uncharged particle (7)
- 3 & 14. Down. Presenting one's relations! (5-7)
- 11 & 12. Across. What those who make spare parts are engaged in? (9)
13. Failed to interest the directorate, we hear (5)
17. Being stitched together, they could make a mess (5)
18. To signify an intermediate position (4)
22. A practical lesson to be drawn from this sort of victory (5)
23. It's disgusting - so I'm one very upset (7)
24. & 9. Down. Deputy head a very short time in charge (6-2)
25. They smooth out level pieces of land, we hear (6)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Sum (6)
8. Whimsical (6)
10. Ogre (7)
11. Handle (5)
12. Sleigh (4)
13. Caper (5)
17. Luke-warm (5)
18. Daybreak (4)
22. Perfect (5)
23. Greed (7)
24. Agree (6)
25. Bog (6)

1. Hand-reader (7)
2. Hint (7)
3. Join (5)
4. Support (7)
5. Compare (5)
6. Condition (5)
9. Head (9)
14. Effective (7)
15. Main city (7)
16. Vehement (7)
19. Ultimate (5)
20. Hire (5)
21. Truck (5)

Down

1. Hand-reader (7)
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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is K. Skulcap, bearskin, porcupine, all types of hat.

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Bob's Reggae Birthday Bash

BRIDPORT Arts Centre is holding a night of live reggae music with some of the best current reggae artists in



the South West on Saturday, February 18th at 8pm.

Featuring MIZIZI and friends Jashwha Moses and Dallas, it's a night of roots culture not to be missed. Mizizi is a word that simply means 'respect' and the band were founded upon the love of roots reggae.

The band thus features several male and female lead vocalists and its own brilliant horn section. Combine this with excellent keyboards, guitars and

drums to complete the line-up; along with occasional guests and a little experimentation; the result is a reggae force not to be missed.

Programme Manager said "This is going to be a real party night with original tracks and reggae classics, come along and celebrate Bob Marley's birthday in style!"

Find out more about Mizizi at www.facebook.com/mizizireggae

Tickets cost £12/£10

members/£8 concessions – Standing. £14/£12 members -Balcony Seats.

Jashwa Moses



A gala programme of ballet at Weymouth Pavilion

DORCHESTER Ballet Theatre will be presenting a Gala Programme of Ballet tomorrow (Friday, February 17th) at Weymouth Pavilion.

The group will be supported by special guests South Coast Ballet, who recently wowed audiences in Bournemouth and Poole with their highly acclaimed version of the classic La Fille Mal Gardee, and Caitlin O'Farrell from Bridport and who is currently studying at prestigious Tring Park School.

Home-grown dancers under the artistic direction of South Coast Ballet's director and choreographer, Caron Yardley, will be presenting a one act version of her entertaining and humorous Cinderella.

The ballet will feature two of the nastiest ugly sisters and a romantic pas de deux between Cinderella and her Prince. The group will also perform Caron Yardley's adaptation of the well-known tale The Sorcerers' Apprentice, a highly amusing one-act ballet.

South Coast Ballet will present an array of stunning divertissements from the Classical Ballet repertoire including the famous Elssler Pas de Deux from La Fille Mal Gardee, and the stunning Grand Pas de Deux from Le Corsair. They will also present extracts from The Nutcracker, The Sleeping Beauty, Giselle and Coppelia along with Anna Pavlova's legendary solo, The Dying Swan.

Both South Coast Ballet and Dorchester Ballet Theatre make no profit, receive no grant assistance or funding and rely solely on the membership of dancers and support of audiences to meet the costs of its productions.

There will be a matinee at 2.30pm and evening performance at 7.30pm.

Tickets are available on 01305-783225 and [www.weiemouthpavilion.com](http://www.weimouthpavilion.com) and cost £12 for adults, £8 for concessions-youth-seniors and £5 for children under 12 years.



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BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: U3A February Meeting. Martin Young will be giving a talk on "How to make a Butterfly Garden". At the Salvation Army Citadel at 10am. For more details call 01305 767584.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

BRIDPORT: Vinyl Saturday Bridport - Record and CD Fair across 2 venues: The Ropemakers Pub West St, and The Conservative Club North St. 10am till 3pm - Free Admission plus many shops and market stalls also selling records and cds

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Games Club meet at Beaminster Youth Centre (6 Prout Bridge, DT8 3AY). We do everything from Role Playing, board gaming, war gaming and Collectable card games. Every Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. For more details call 01308 862528. All welcome and it's free!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

BOURNEMOUTH: Classical Guitar Recital by Manus Noble. At Kinson Community Centre, Pelfham's Park, Millhams Road, Kinson (BH10 7LH). Tickets £5 in advance or £7 on the door (under 15s free). Call 01425 650076 for more details.

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FRIDAY MARCH 9TH

SHERBORNE: 'The Knicker Lady' 7.30pm at the Gryphon School Conference Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne DT4 9EQ in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare. Tickets £20 each to include glass of wine & canapés, call 01305 215320 or book online at www.weldmarhospice.org.uk/knickerlady

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SATURDAY MARCH 10TH

DORCHESTER: Coffee Morning and Sale at the United Church Hall, 9.45am to 11.45am. Organised by Dorchester and District Bible Society Action Group.

FRIDAY MARCH 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs, Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). 2-3.30pm. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendship Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

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Tickets cost £9 in advance or £10 on the door and include a glass of cider and a slice of Dorset apple cake. They are available now from the Museum shop - please phone 01305 756827 or email shop@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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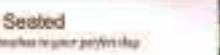
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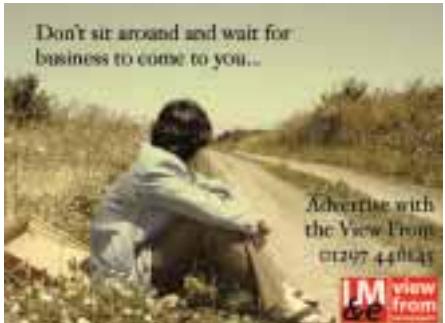
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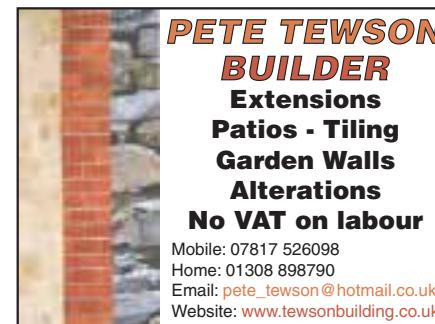
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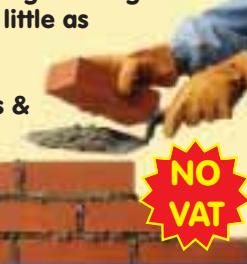
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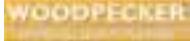
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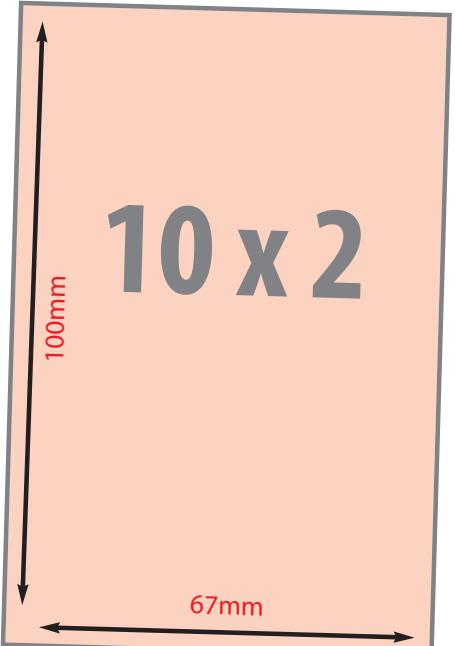
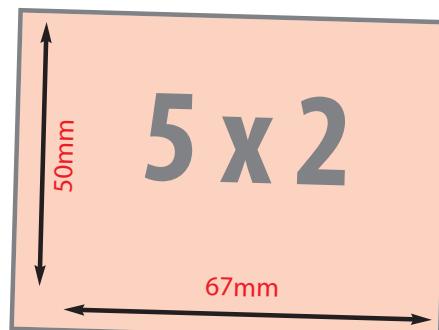
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Young drivers throughout the country are already more likely to be involved in a crash with 30% of all motor vehicle drivers involved in collisions¹ aged between 16 and 29 years old, yet this age group only made up 18% of the population². This report calculates that young rural drivers are two-thirds more likely to be involved in an injury collision than their older neighbours.

One of the biggest factors in the elevated risk profile is the much higher average annual mileages driven by rural drivers with 31% more miles driven per person than their urban counterparts. This increased exposure combined with their relative inexperience compared to older drivers is a signal to rural local authorities and police forces that special attention needs paying to this subject.

The report also considers the level of deprivation and whether this is a factor in young driver crashes. This was not found to be the case in Rural areas, although it is something seen in large towns and cities. Other analysis within the report compares vehicle types involved in crashes, road type, and speed limits.

One further piece of analysis carried out was to rank young driver risk bases on residency in each of the 379 local authority areas in Great Britain. This was then used to create a map showing regional hotspots and is included at the end of this release along with the best and worst performing areas.

Dan Campsall, director of Road Safety Analysis says, "This is the first time that we have had a thorough examination of the risks to young drivers based on where they live; and the results are stark. Younger drivers from rural areas are much more likely to be involved in a crash where someone is injured, and we need to see a package of measures developed that can bring about a change. This may require investment in transport infrastructure, community bus schemes and further driver training to affect the inequality that these drivers are experiencing."

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The new BMW M6 Coupe and Convertible

- V8 M TwinPower Turbo: 560hp, 680Nm, 0-62mph in 4.2 seconds (Coupé)
- EfficientDynamics technologies improve fuel consumption and lower emissions by 30 per cent
- Seven-speed M DCT gearbox as standard
- Specific M chassis incorporating M Drive with Active M Differential and optional M Carbon Ceramic Brakes
- Extensive standard equipment including M driving environment with Head-up Display

The new BMW M6 Coupé and M6 Convertible models represent the most recent expression of the BMW M philosophy, having sold over 14,000 examples of the previous generation worldwide.

Powered by the latest V8 M TwinPower Turbo engine producing 560hp, these bold 6 Series flagship models offer sporting performance and sporting dynamics, combined with supreme long-distance touring manners and everyday usability. With near 50:50 weight distribution and optimised aerodynamics the latest BMW M6 offers an intense M experience.

Thanks to BMW's EfficientDynamics technologies and the range of measures this incorporates, the new M6 is both cleaner and 30 per cent more fuel-efficient than its predecessor, despite being significantly faster and more powerful.

Bespoke M design, a driver-focused cabin and cutting edge in-car technology, makes the new M6 the most desirable yet, whether ordered with the lightweight carbon-fibre roof or the elegant retractable soft top.

Expressive design with a sporty edge from BMW M

The classical proportions and elegant design of the current 6 Series Coupé and Convertible have won many admirers since their introduction. Now BMW M gives them a sporty, dynamic update, with aggressive design features defined by the technical considerations of the en-

addition, the dark colour of the roof elongates the silhouette of the car when viewed in profile, something that's further exaggerated by the BMW High-gloss Shadowline trim around the side glass.

The M6 Convertible features the same high quality retractable roof as the 6 Series Convertible, with its 'fin' architecture projecting into the rear section, enhancing the silhouette of the car. The heated vertical glass rear window retracts independently of the roof itself. Operation of the roof is via a button on the centre console, and it can be raised and lowered at anything from a standstill to speeds of up to 25mph. Just 19 seconds is all it takes to lower the roof; 24 seconds to raise it once again. Buyers can choose from Black, Beige or Anthracite Silver fleck for the roof material colour.

TwinPower Turbo technology for the most powerful M6 ever

The new BMW M6 Coupé and M6 Convertible are equipped with the same high-revving, turbocharged V8 engine as the M5 Saloon. This revolutionary powerplant not only produces 53hp more than its ten-cylinder predecessor at 560hp, but it also benefits from a greatly improved torque output over a broad band of revs.

It's this 680Nm, available from as low as 1,500rpm to 5,750rpm, that not only gives the new M6 its stunning outright acceleration, but also its commanding flexibility on-road.

The key to this impressive performance is BMW's M TwinPower Turbo technology, incorporated on the M6 via twin turbochargers built in to the twin scroll principle, including a cross-bank exhaust manifold. This sophisticated, 4.4-litre engine also includes direct fuel injection, VALVETRONIC variable valve timing and Double VANOS continuously variable camshaft control, all of which help it to rev to 7,200rpm – unusually high for a turbocharged engine.

The result is a 0-62mph sprint of just 4.2 seconds for the M6 Coupé, with the M6 Convertible following at 4.3 seconds. Both versions have a top speed limited to 155mph.

This marked increase in performance has gone hand in hand with significant improvements to fuel consumption and emissions. With the adoption of BMW's EfficientDynamics technology, the efficiency of the V8 M TwinPower Turbo engine is further improved by Auto Start-Stop, Brake Energy Regeneration and Active Aerodynamics amongst others, helping to reduce consumption and emissions by approximately 30 per cent. The new BMW M6 Coupé has a combined fuel consumption of 28.5mpg (Convertible 27.4mpg) with CO2 emissions of 232g/km (Convertible 239g/km). Moreover, with an increased fuel tank size of 80 litres, the new BMW M6 offers an extensive touring range.

Seven speeds for ultimate gearbox efficiency

The new BMW M6 models use BMW M's latest seven-speed Double Clutch Transmission (M DCT) with DRIVeLOGIC. This advanced transmission features two oil-cooled 'wet' clutches, offering near-seamless shifts. The DRIVeLOGIC control offers three separate shift programs, both in automatic and manual modes, providing the driver with the best of both worlds whether they are looking for the sportiest selection of gears or driving comfort. M DCT also includes a Launch Control function, while in manual mode gears can be changed via either the M gear selector or via paddles on the M Sport steering wheel.

The M DCT gearbox is part of an advanced powertrain that also includes the M-Differential. This electronically controlled multi-plate limited slip differential ensures the best possible traction at all times, with a locking factor from 0-100

per cent. As with many of the other systems on the new BMW M6, it is linked into the car's Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) system to ensure maximum driving safety.

M-specific chassis for the most demanding of drivers

BMW's M division has worked tirelessly on the chassis of the new M6, and the result is a sporting car that combines tremendous ability for high performance driving with everyday usability. Drawing on their vast collective experience and legendary back catalogue, the M engineers have combined their knowledge with the latest technology, honing it over an extensive testing period.

To meet the expectations of the most demanding drivers, the rear axle subframe has been bolted directly to the chassis, the front axle kinematics redesigned with M-specific settings, and a number of 6 Series suspension components replaced with forged aluminium items. The electro-hydraulically controlled dampers feature BMW's Variable Damper Control (VDC) with a choice of three settings, so that drivers can tailor the suspension of the M6 to best suit their driving style and environment at any given moment.

The new M6 is steered via a hydraulic rack and pinion system, with a variable ratio to increase low-speed agility while offering outstanding stability at speed. M-specific Servotronic power steering offers ideal weighting for the driver, with a choice of three settings for further personalisation.

BMW's sophisticated Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) uses many of the car's electronic systems – such as ABS, CBC and DBC – to provide an effective safety net. However, drivers can select the M Dynamic Mode (MDM) that overrides the basic settings, allowing for greater wheel slip and even more sporty driving characteristics.

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Personalisation of driver settings via the M buttons

The settings for the DSC, the engine characteristics, DDC, Servotronic and M DCT DRIVeLOGIC can all be adjusted via the buttons on the centre console or from within the BMW iDrive system. However, drivers can also assign particular configurations to the 'M1' and 'M2' buttons located on the steering wheel. This way, for example, the driver can store a 'sporty' set up and a 'comfort'-biased set up that can be accessed immediately at the touch of a button.

M Carbon Ceramic Brakes

The new BMW M6 Coupé and M6 Convertible feature as standard a powerful braking system with 400mm front discs and 396mm rear discs, gripped by six-piston callipers on the front axle that can be identified by their dark blue metallic finish.

However, for the first time buyers can choose the latest optional M Carbon Ceramic Brakes, with front discs measuring 410mm in diameter and 396mm on the rear axle. This powerful new braking system offers even better resistance to heat and a reduction in the rotational masses by 19.4kg. The matte gold finish on the brake callipers identifies cars equipped with these outstanding brakes.

The body structure: strength by design

In addition to the aforementioned carbon-fibre reinforced plastic roof the new M6 benefits from a hybrid construction of steel, aluminium and composite materials to give an immensely strong platform that's remarkably light. In addition to the high strength steels used in the monocoque, the doors and bonnet are fashioned in aluminium while the front wings are formed in plastic. The boot lid, and the roof cover on the convertible, are made from an SMC fibreglass material.

With robust load path structures, large and precisely engineered deformation zones and the latest restraint systems, the new M6 has been engineered with safety as a priority.

In the cabin: sporting luxury

As the ultimate expression of the BMW M ethos, the interior of the new M6 Coupé and M6 Convertible is a blend of luxury appointments and sporting intent. The new M Sport seats, a lightweight design, feature an integrated seat belt system, electric seat adjustment, a pneumatic lumbar adjustment and manually adjustable under thigh support. Active head restraints also feature, and the M logo embossed into the shoulder area is the finishing touch.

The cockpit is finished in fine grain extended Merino leather, with the dynamic styling of the 6 Series interior particularly suited to the role of an M car. There's more space too, and 460 litres of luggage capacity, 300-350 litres in the M6 Convertible depending on whether the roof is raised or lowered, an increase over its predecessor.

The driver's environment is particularly sporty, with an instrument fascia featuring the latest Black Panel technology. M dials with red needles and white instrumentation are a priority.

The M logo. Should the driver raise their eyes they'll see the M-specific Head-Up Display (HUD) with its digital speedometer readout and speed limit identification, gear and rev counter and shift lights.

Extensive standard equipment and personalisation options

The new BMW M6 offers a particularly high level of standard equipment. In addition to the advanced mechanical package that the car offers, the M6 driver enjoys two-zone climate control, heated and multi-adjustable M Sport seats, the M-specific HUD, Extended Merino leather interior trim and BMW Professional Navigation with 10.2" colour screen. Customers can then further personalise their cars with an upgrade to 20" alloy wheels, M Carbon Ceramic Brakes, Internet, BMW Night Vision and a Bang and Olufsen Advanced audio system.

The new M6 Coupé and Convertible goes on sale in the UK on 15 September 2012, with the Coupé costing £93,795 and the Convertible £98,995.



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DORSET LEAGUE

RESULTS - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Bridport Res 5-0 Hamworthy Utd Res
Hamworthy Rec 7-0 Swanage & H
Weymouth Res 3-2 Poole Borough

PREMIER LEAGUE REPORTS

HAMWORTHY REC 7 SWANAGE TOWN & H 0

A JAMIE Moors hat-trick inside in the opening half-hour helped propel Hamworthy Recreation back up into the top three position as Swanage were mauled at Magna Road.

Lewis Burgis (2), Mike Notley and Daniel Blackburn also netted for the hosts.

It was a day to forget for the the Swans who finished the game with only nine players as they received two red cards, one straight the other for two yellows.

BRIDPORT RES 5 HAMWORTHY UTD RES 0

THE Bees moved up a place to seventh after a 5-0 victory over Hamworthy United at St Mary's.

The goals were equally shared between Carl Bulman, Adam Steele, Tristan Gale, Jack Scovell and Ashley Clarke.

WEYMOUTH RES 3 POOLE BOROUGH 2

THE Terras edged further away from the bottom two with a hard fought 3-2 win against visiting Poole.

Danny Moore (2) and Peter Jarvis scored for the hosts while netting for the Hornets

were Jamie Mowlem and Bradley Gale.

◆ AT its recent League Management Meeting, the Dorset FA Committee decided to invite the Bournemouth FA to play for the "Charity Shield" as the traditional match was not able to take place at the start of the season.

This invitation was accepted by the Bournemouth FA who will host the match on Tuesday, February 21st at Hurn Bridge, Christchurch. (7.45pm kick-off).

Provisional Dorset squad: *Nick Carroll, Ashley Wells, Lewis Whyton, Alex Halloran (all Portland United), Matt Weekes, Dan Golden, Mike Taylor, Andy Holmes (All Wincanton), Ash Weekes, Scott Henley (both Chicknell United), Adam Marsh, Tom Willis, Ash Bayt, Jamie Moores, Dan Blackburn (all Hamworthy Rec), Sam Jarman, Ben Cochrane, Mike Rousell, Dean Corden (All Westlands Sports), Mark Ford (Blandford United), Luke Stone (Holt United).*

SENIOR LEAGUE

Chicknell Utd 1-0 Sturm Newton Utd
Portland United 2-1 Gillingham Town

Weymouth Sports 4-3 Up & Broadwey.

DIVISION ONE

Poundbury 4-0 Granby Rovers

DIVISION TWO

Weymouth Spartans 6-0 Lytchett RT

Wyke Regis SC 2-1 Corfe Mullen Utd

DIVISION FOUR

Galaxy 5-0 Littlemoor
(All other games postponed)

REPORTS SENIOR LEAGUE

PORTLAND United moved into top spot after goals from Simon Crouch and Tom Bell clinched a 2-1 win over Gillingham Town at New Grove Corner. Liam Moores grabbed the Gills' consolation.

Upwey & Broadwey's title hopes received a blow as they went down 4-3 at Weymouth Sports.

Christian Evans was the star of the show for the hosts with a superb hat-trick whilst Robert Rolls chipped in with a single. Ethen Devaney, Richard Frost and Darren Samways scored for the visitors.

A single goal from Stuart Wallbridge was enough to give Chicknell United all three points and boosted their chances of avoiding the drop after an edgy 1-0 win over Sturminster Newton United.

DIVISION ONE

THE only game to survive the weather saw Poundbury Rovers hammer local rivals Granby Rovers 4-0 thanks to goals from Richard Beasley (2), Matt Dear and Ross Foot.

DIVISION TWO

WYKE Regis Social Club recorded their best win of the season when they surprisingly defeated faltering league leaders

Corfe Mullen United 2-1 with goals coming from Andy Bell and Gary Camp.

Weymouth Spartans stormed into the top three courtesy of goals from Dean Taylor (3), Callum Bigg (2) and Mark Dally as Lytchett Red Triangle were thrashed 6-0.

DIVISION FOUR

GALAXY FC moved off the foot off the table with an impressive 5-0 victory at Littlemoor.

Shane Sheridan (2) Steven Hicks, Paul Cole and Elliott Gould netted for the Portland-based side.

FIXTURES - February 18th

PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United v Tintinhull

Bridport Res v Hamworthy Rec

Chicknell United v Shaftesbury

Cranborne v Portland United

Holt United v Sturm Marshall

Poole Borough v Merley Cobham

Sherborne Res v Weymouth Res

Westland Sports v Parley Sports

Wincanton v Swanage T & Herston

SENIOR LEAGUE

Bishops Caundle v Wareham Rangers

Chicknell United v Weymouth Sports

Gillingham v Piddletrenhicle Utd

Portland United v Blandford United

Stourpaine v Okeford United

Sturm Newton Utd v Witchampton Utd

Upwey & Broadwey v Kingston Lacy

DIVISION ONE

Dorchester Town v Mere Town

Granby Rovers v Bere Regis

Merley Cobham v Kangaroos

Poundbury Rovers v Wincanton

Shaftesbury v Westland Sports

Swanage Town & H v Ship Inn

DIVISION TWO

11th Signals v Weymouth Spart

Bridport v Corfe Mullen United

Dorchester Sports v Wyke Regis SC

Lytchett RT v Gillingham Town

The Balti House v Crossways

Wareham Rangers v Corfe Castle

DIVISION THREE

Bere Regis v Soccer FC

Galaxy v Piddlehinton Utd

Maiden Newton & C v Donhead Utd

Okeford United v AFC Cobham

Stickland United v Cranborne

DIVISION FOUR

Puddletown v Handley Sports

Owermeigne v Swanage Town & H

Weymouth Spartans v Stalbridge

DIVISION FIVE

Broadstone v AFC Blandford

Westland Sports Rs 17 13 2 3 29 31

Mere Town 14 12 2 0 54 38

Poundbury Rovers 20 10 6 2 15 36

Poole Borough Res 18 9 2 7 7 29

Granby Rovers 13 8 1 4 14 25

Bere Regis 17 7 2 8 13 23

Merley Cobham 17 7 2 8 10 23

Wincanton Res 17 6 3 8 12 21

Dorchester Town A 16 6 2 8 7 20

Swanage Town & H 14 6 1 7 11 19

Kangaroos 15 5 2 8 9 17

Ship Inn, Wool 17 5 2 10 10 17

Dorchester Boro 15 3 2 10 20 17

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DIVISION ONE

Corfe Mullen Utd 18 15 1 2 56 46

Milborne Sports 15 13 0 2 52 39

Weymouth Spart 18 11 2 5 25 35

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Lytchett RT 18 3 1 14 54 12

Sturminster Newton Res 15 1 1 13 45 4

Corfe Castle 17 1 1 15 53 4

DIVISION THREE

AFC Cobham 17 13 1 3 29 40

Piddlehinton Utd 15 10 3 2 33 33

Donhead Utd 13 11 0 2 26 33

Galaxy FC 18 8 0 6 5 24

Portesham United 16 7 1 8 4 22

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Bere Regis Res 15 6 1 8 6 19

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Puddletown 16 5 1 10 8 16

Galaxy FC Res 14 2 7 5 6 13

Swanage Town & H 14 3 3 8 9 11*

DIVISION FIVE

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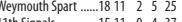
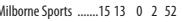
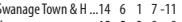
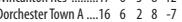
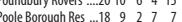
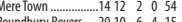
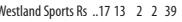
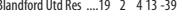
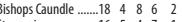
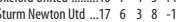
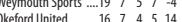
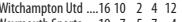
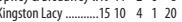
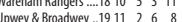
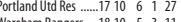
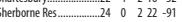
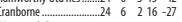
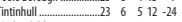
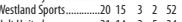
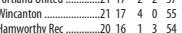
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RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Vallance suffers suspected ankle break

"HOPE springs eternal in the human breast" or so they say. I was hopeful that a full league programme would take place on Saturday last but feared the worst when my car's thermometer showed a temperature of minus five early that morning. I then prepared myself to sit down by my computer and watch my column dismantle before my eyes.

In the event things did not turn out as badly as I had feared, although DORCHESTER'S game against WIMBORNE, together with PUDDLETOWN'S home encounter with WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW, had to be postponed. The games of the Weymouth second and third sides also did not take place, while BRIDPORT for their part, were without a fixture, and the opponents of the Dorchester third side have withdrawn from the league.

One or two local games went ahead after morning ground inspections however and, importantly, the cup game between WEYMOUTH and DRIFTERS was amongst them.

WEYMOUTH 14 DRIFTERS 22

THE reason for the Weymouth club's ground being fit for play, while all others were frost-bound escapes me - in fact conditions were ideal for open rugby.

The home side chose to play with the slight slope during the first period but the first few minutes belonged to the visitors.

They turned over ball at the initial lineout, and disrupted an early set scrum and, before the game was 10 minutes old, they sent the ball wide from set piece possession, their outside centre broke and his right winger, Jones, got over some ten yards in from touch.

Out half James added the extras, and worse was to come from a home point of view, for one of their props was guilty of an early tackle at the restart and was consigned to the bin for his pains.

Drifters continued to prosper in his absence and, after they had tapped a penalty, regathered

a grubber kick and one of their midfield got over close to the posts. Jones' conversion kick was again accurate and the visitors led 14-0.

Weymouth had been slow to settle in the first quarter, failing to secure their own ball and struggling to deal with their opponents' attacks. The end of the first quarter came and went with the home side still unable to win useable possession.

Drifters were by far the better side at this stage and, after twenty five minutes, caught the home side napping with another quickly taken penalty, and scored five yards in from touch. This try remained unconverted but, at 19-0 adrift, Weymouth were looking down the gun barrel and, ominously, were unable to win worthwhile possession from which to launch attacks.

Drifters continued to spend the majority of the half in home territory and, just before the interval, Jones, who had run the show thus far, kicked a penalty.

Half time was approaching before Weymouth put together a meaningful attack, and when they did they scored from it.

Their build up had not seemed to threatened but, when the ball came to centre Gareth Isles well inside the twenty two, he wriggled his way over, thanks perhaps to some rather ineffectual tackling. Sheppard kicked the conversion and Weymouth had thrown themselves a lifeline at 7-22.

This score had come very much against the run of play and I felt that the visitors were well worth their half time lead. Weymouth, who had not played well in the first-half, would have known that they would have to raise their game by several notches if they were to get back into this one.

The second-half did not start all that auspiciously for the home side for, having conceded a penalty, were penalised 20 yards for rabbit. They were beginning to compete however, against a side who had seemingly "gone off the boil" especially in their finishing.

Weymouth were continuing to get turned over,

both at scrum and lineout. They were losing the ball in contact too, and were making other unforced errors, and the game was an hour old before they put together a concerted attack.

Tragically at this time however, they lost prop Max Vallance with what was, I think, a broken ankle, and to add insult to nasty injury, they were turned over once more and their opponents kicked clear.

For the next 10 minutes Drifters reassessed themselves and, although they did not score, seemed to have matters well in hand, but then, with no more than a half dozen minutes left, Weymouth scored again.

A Drifter clearance was not affective and the home side thrust a couple of times into their twenty two and finally assayed what was, I thought, a rather speculative chip ahead. I was one of several who said "wrong option" but the ball pitched, the bounce favoured them, and winger MacConnachie reacted well to gather and score. Sheppard again added the extras but it was all "too little too late" as Drifters held on for the win and go forward to the Southern Counties final.

I feel that Drifters would have proved a real handful for a Weymouth side that was playing at its best. Weymouth, nowhere near their best, were starved of possession for most of the eighty minutes and made innumerable unforced errors. They tackled well however, and this fact, together with some rather less than clinical Drifters finishing, kept the score line respectable.

BRIDPORT 2nd 6 DORCHESTER 2nd 12

THE Bridport first side was without a fixture, but their second side managed to play against the promotion candidates on a Brewery Field that was rather sticky underfoot.

The first-half was a very evenly contested affair, with the only score coming from the boot of Colbourne, the Bridport full-back.

Having gone in at the interval with a 3-0 lead,

Bridport doubled it early in the second period, again through Marcus Colbourne's boot, only for Dorchester to come back with an unconverted try to narrow the gap to a single point.

The scoreline then remained unchanged until the final few minutes but, near the end, Dorchester worked a good position through running a tapped penalty. The thrust was stopped at the expense of a set scrum near the posts from which the visitors managed to get over from close range. The try was converted and Dorchester held on for the win that will do their promotion aspirations no harm at all.

PREVIEW

ANOTHER round of league fixtures takes place on Saturday next and, of all the local sides, it is WEYMOUTH who face the sternest test. They entertain WESTBURY, a side who have already upset the league leaders' applecart this season.

The visitors lie in the division's fourth place currently, and I can remember the Weymouth camp returning from the earlier encounter having lost 11-10 and feeling that they had not enjoyed a very good day at the office.

I think that the home side will reverse that decision, hopefully with a four try bonus point win. They will know that they have been in a game by the final whistle however for Westbury are a pretty attritional bunch. They will have to perform better than they did on Saturday though!

DORCHESTER play at DEVIZES, a side that they narrowly beat in the earlier fixture. Their opponents have enjoyed a pretty good season however and lie, like Dorchester, just off the pace in the Southern Counties (South) Division's promotion race.

This has all the makings of a close encounter for, while Dorchester have been enjoying a good run lately, so have their opponents.

BRIDPORT too had a close game earlier in the season against Saturday's visitors, SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd. Their opponents have enjoyed a

rather better season than the Brewery Field side however and are currently third in the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South). Bridport have certainly lacked consistency this season and they will be hard put to win this one.

In division two, PUDDLETOWN face a challenge that will rank with that of Weymouth as regards degree of difficulty, for they travel to league leaders WIMBORNE 2nd who beat them, albeit narrowly, at Puddletown earlier; and who have been going great guns in the league ever since.

Puddletown are an emerging side however and are not without a chance in this one. The final result will act as a good guide as to just how much they have improved this season.

As to the second sides, Bridport seconds travel to Verwood, a side with whom they fought out a rather high scoring draw back in the autumn.

Bridport have not been travelling well however and I do not think they will win this one. Dorchester seconds should really continue their promotion push at the expense of lowly Lytchett Minster seconds, while Weymouth seconds should be capable of doing the double over Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew.

Dorchester thirds have a battle of the bottom clubs on their hands when they travel to North Dorset fourths, while Weymouth thirds face a pretty long afternoon against Wimborne thirds.

Fixtures 18th February: Bridport v Swanage & Wareham 2nd; Bridport 2nd v Verwood (away); Chard v Cirencester; Chard 2nd v North Petherton 2nd (away); Chard 3rd v Wyvern (away); Crewkerne v Bridgwater & Albion 3rd; Dorchester v Devizes (away); Dorchester 2nd v Lytchett Minster 2nd; Dorchester 3rd v North Dorset 4th (away); Honiton v Liskeard Looe (away); Honiton 2nd v Cullompton 2nd (away); Puddletown v Wimborne 2nd (away); Sidmouth v Avonmouth O.B.; Sidmouth 2nd v O.P.M. (away); Weymouth v Westbury; Weymouth 2nd v Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew (away); Weymouth 3rd v Wimborne 3rd.



New players wanted

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club U11s and U12s team are looking for new recruits to boost their ranks.

The club has planned games against all the local teams and those from further afield, culminating in a two-day end of season festival on April 28th and 29th.

Training is on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8pm and Sundays 10 to noon. Additional information can be found on the website www.weymouthrfc.org.uk or contact Kate Berry 07786-066825.

Weymouth RFC news

Weymouth U13 31 Swanage 29

IN this hard fought local-derby it was Weymouth who came out on top.

There was some great play from the whole Weymouth team but special mention went to flankers Jack Brewer and Tyler Craig and winger Macauley Quinn. Weymouth try scorers were James Davis (2), Troy Brocklebank (2) and Craig, with Davis also adding two conversions.

Pablo wins volunteer of the month

HAVING won the RFU's Adult Coach of the Year 2011 in January, Paul 'Pablo' Harding has now added the club's Volunteer of the Month 2012 award to his list of successes.

Paul is the club's Senior Mens Head Coach and also assists with the clubs under 15s and 16s as well as the Dorset & Wilts squads, and last month coached the clubs 1st XV to win the D&W Plate against Supermarine.

New ladies sponsor

WEYMOUTH RFC are pleased to announce that SBL Ltd have agreed to sponsor the newly formed ladies team. Chairman Glyn Arnold said: "I would like to thank Stuart and SBL for their sponsorship and continued investment in sport in Weymouth and Portland".



■ THANK YOU: Weymouth RFC Chairman Glyn Arnold (second right) pictured with sponsor Stuart Barnes Managing Director SBL Ltd, ladies captain Sarah Jane Parker and vice-captain Sam Field
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Away day win for Cowboys

SOUTHAMPTON RAVENS 72**WEYMOUTH COWBOYS 69**

Weymouth Cowboys travelled to Southampton looking for their first away win.

The Ravens took the tip but it was the Cowboys who took first blood with Dan



■ STAR MAN: Weymouth Cowboys' Andy Steel.

Campbell making the first basket of the game very early on. A foul added an extra free throw which Campbell took with ease.

Another foul, this time on Sam Dodge gave him the chance to show how you make free-extending the lead to 5-0. The Ravens managed to get a basket but great use of the zonal defence put a break on the hosts getting more than eight points in the entire quarter.

The same didn't apply to the Cowboys, especially with Andy Steel taking several great pressured lay-ups and sinking them as the team led 23-8 after the first quarter.

There was more of the same in the 2nd quarter. A few controversial calls by the referees could have cut the tempo but the Cowboys kept their heads and led 39-18 at half-time.

It was in the second-half where things started to become sticky for the boys from the west. The Ravens started to use their big men more and became a lot more physical. The Cowboys upped the tempo but started to lose their heads and allowed some bad

turnovers. The Ravens made the most of this turn-around and moved to within four points of the visitors.

Some good rebounding from Rob Legg and Sam Dodge slowed the Ravens down but it wasn't enough and so Coach Alex Fuhrmann called for a much needed time-out. Rejuvenated, the Cowboys went back out and secured a fine victory with a final score of 69-59.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann, said: "A great run out for the lads today, we showed in the first-half what we've been building on and will continue develop as we go on.

"I'm not too sure on some decisions from the players in the second half, nearly losing grip of the game and sending us home empty handed. Regardless we pulled out the win and I'm happy."

◆ Weymouth MVP: Andy Steel
Scorers/Roster: Andy Steel 25, Sam Dodge 15, Dan Campbell 22, Gerry Legg 4, Jeff Robertshaw 1, Matt Board 2, Rob Legg, Eric Olson, James Ward.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: WDC Whipping Boys 4 Colliton Cons 4, Colliton XQ2011 0 West Dorset Club C 6, Colliton Hopefuls 1 Colliton Nomads 6, Trinity M 6 Colliton Club B 0, Colliton Nomads 4 West Dorset Club A 3.

30+ breaks: C.Haskell 67 & 56, D.Joslin 36, M.Beale 33 & 31, N.Joslin 32, A.Page 30.

Top Break of the Season: Chris Haskell (Trinity M) 67.

Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts	
West Dorset Club A.....	16	11	2	3	0	77
West Dorset Club C.....	15	11	2	2	0	73
Trinity Gooduns.....	17	11	2	4	0	71
Trinity M.....	17	7	2	8	0	66
Colliton Cons.....	16	9	2	5	0	65
Trinity Express.....	17	4	2	11	0	60
Colliton Nomads.....	16	10	1	5	0	59
Purbeck Potters.....	16	3	5	8	0	55
Colliton XQ2011.....	17	6	2	9	0	55
Colliton Hopefuls.....	17	6	1	10	0	54
WDC Whipping Boys.....	17	6	1	10	0	51
Colliton Club B.....	17	3	2	12	0	50

◆ TEAM OPEN KO CUP FINAL: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads 4 (February 27th at Trinity Club)

◆ TEAM KO CUP FINAL: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads (Monday, March 19th at Trinity Club).

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INSIDE: Dorchester Snooker League round-up

Top ten finish for Magpies?

RECENT results and the effect of the freezing conditions has set challenging finishes to the season for both Weymouth and Bridport, whilst although it has meant no game for Dorchester Town for five weeks, they may well have benefitted from the situation.

With less than three months to go to the end of the current campaign, relegation and promotion issues are beginning to form, and of our three local teams, Bridport are probably the team under most pressure.

The Bees are currently in a run of poor form having lost six of their last eight Toolstation Western League Premier Division matches.

Although they are eight points clear of relegation, they need to start picking up points, particularly against sides in the bottom reaches.

Manager Trevor Senior has always claimed that following promotion last season, that this year was a learning curve and one of consolidation.

He still feels that his side are good enough to survive and knows that on

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their day they have the players to beat most sides in the league.

Weymouth have proved that on their day they can also beat the best and showed that with back-to-back Evo-Stik South Premier League wins over AFC Totton and St Albans City over the New Year.

Despite three home games after last Tuesday's fixture at Chippenham Town, none are easy, but in their last 12 matches they face seven sides either below or just above them, which if they show their true colours should see them avoid any relegation troubles.

With two new strikers, Ben Joyce, ex-Salisbury City, and Mark Ford from Blandford United waiting in the wings to make their debuts, they might supply the firepower that manager Brendon King has been looking for.

Many expected Dorchester Town to

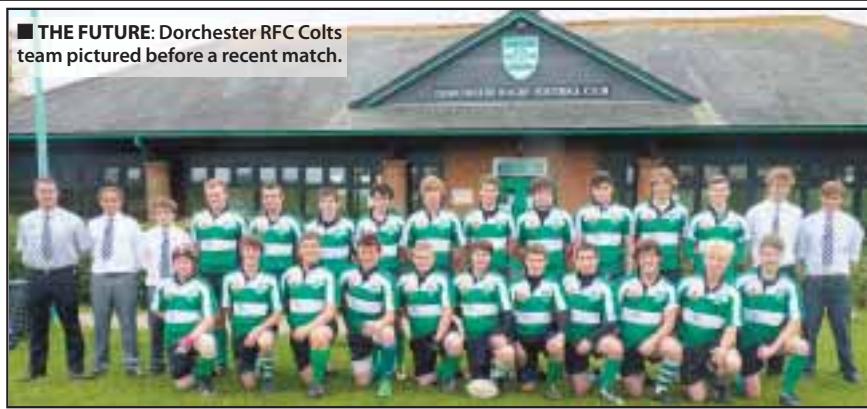
start slipping down the Blue Square South from seventh as sides began catching up games on the Magpies, who had played far more league games than others following early exits from both the FA Cup and Trophy.

With some games having been played despite the weather, a glance at the results and the table suggest that the worst Dorchester could drop once sides have caught up is two places on current form.

In fact the old adage 'better to have the points in the bag' appears to be proving true, and with a backlog of games for some teams, Boreham Wood and Basingstoke Town have four games to catch up with the Magpies, pressure and injuries may prove decisive.

With two matches postponed recently and no game scheduled for this Saturday, it will be five weeks before the Magpies look to continue their wonderful run of one league defeat in 14 games under the stewardship of caretaker duo Phil Simkin and Mark Jermyn, and new manager Alan Knight.

■ THE FUTURE: Dorchester RFC Colts team pictured before a recent match.



They like Weymouth have new players chomping at the bit to make their debuts. On-loan Max Worsford from Aldershot Town and striker Sam Malmon signed from the Terras will have to wait another week to make a competitive start.

The management team at The Av-

enue Stadium will be working hard to ensure their players keep as match fit as possible, and that the break has not broken the good run.

Following their home match against Havant & Waterlooville (25th), they do face a run of four difficult away matches against probable champions

Woking and play-off contenders Weston-super-Mare and Boreham Wood and bottom side Thurrock.

However they have shown that they are a match for any side in their current form and should have a great chance of finishing in the top 10 come the season end.

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